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In re Application of	:	
Patenaude et al.	:	
Application No. 09/503,834	:	ON PETITION
Filed: February 15, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. PAT 1952B-2 US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed December 17, 2004 and September 22, 2005, requesting the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application and has been so treated.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

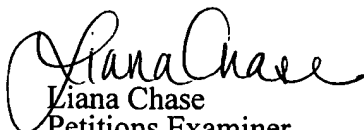
The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed February 24, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply was due on or before May 24, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 20, 2004.

Petitioner states that the reply was in fact timely filed. To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of the Certificate of Facsimile Transmission dated May 24, 2004. Additionally, petitioner has supplied a copy of the previously mailed correspondence.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status. A petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 does not require a fee and none has been charged.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2863 for further examination on the merits.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.


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